

## Train travel with a group in the Netherlands

A single journey by train from Schiphol Airport to Eindhoven Centraal costs € 24,30 per person (standard fare).

There are some possibilities to save costs, here we describe how to book tickets for a group.

First of all, if you buy tickets in advance through the website, you save € 1 per person. Secondly, but not many players will be that young: anyone up to and including 11 years old, can travel with a so called Railrunner that only costs € 2,50 (bought in advance).

For travellers from 12 up to and including 18 years old, but only outside peak hours (see below) there is also the 'Jongeren Dagkaart Dal' (€ 7,95), but this is only available after downloading the NS app:

iOS: <https://itunes.apple.com/nl/app/ns-reisplanner-xtra/id370362301?mt=8>

Android: <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=nl.ns.android.activity>

The Dutch Railroad Company (NS: Nederlandse Spoorwegen) offers a reduction when **traveling in a group and outside the peak hours**. You have to buy the group tickets via internet before travelling. For most groups, a group ticket might be the best option.

### These group tickets are valid only outside peak hours:

- Weekends: all day
- Weekdays: before 6:30 am; between 9:00 and 4:00 pm; after 6:30 pm (complete your journey in this time frame!)

You need to buy the group tickets beforehand using the website (in English):

<https://www.ns.nl/producten/en/s/groepsticket-daluren>

One traveller is the "main traveller": he/she keeps the tickets.

Every traveller needs to identify him/herself (passport, etc).

(All terms and conditions: [https://www.ns.nl/binaries/ht\\_1655284415588/content/assets/ns-en/terms/voorwaarden-groepsticket-daluren-en.pdf](https://www.ns.nl/binaries/ht_1655284415588/content/assets/ns-en/terms/voorwaarden-groepsticket-daluren-en.pdf) )

Here we guide you through the webpage:

The screenshot shows the NS website's booking interface for a group ticket. The form is set to 'Single' travel type, with 'Return' as an alternative. The travel date is set to 'dd-mm-yyyy'. The origin is 'Schiphol Airport' and the destination is 'Eindhoven Centraal'. The class is '2nd class'. The number of passengers is set to 7. Below the form, there is a note: 'Do you travel with more than 7 passengers? Buy an additional return or group ticket.'

Travel type	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Single <input type="radio"/> Return	
Traveldate	<input type="text" value="dd-mm-yyyy"/>	
From	<input type="text" value="Schiphol Airport"/>	
To	<input type="text" value="Eindhoven Centraal"/>	
Class	<input type="radio"/> 1st class <input checked="" type="radio"/> 2nd class	
No. of passengers	<input type="button" value="-"/> <input type="text" value="7"/> <input type="button" value="+"/>	

Do you travel with more than 7 passengers? Buy an additional return or group ticket.

Choose single, as you will travel back on another day and return tickets are only valid on the same day (we are a small country ...).

After entering the date, from, to and number of travellers, you need to enter the initials and surname of each traveller.

For some (unclear) reason the captions of the fields are not translated. To help you:

- “Hoofdboeker” is “Main traveller”
- “Reiziger” is “Traveler”

Prices:

- 2 persons € 34 (€ 17,00 per person)
- 3 persons € 34 (€ 11,33 per person)
- 4 persons € 38 (€ 9,50 per person)
- 5 persons € 42 (€ 8,40 per person)
- 6 persons € 46 (€ 7,67 per person)
- 7 persons € 50 (€ 7,15 per person)

If your group has more than 7, do your math and choose the cheapest option.

(Solution: for 8, choose 7+1, for 9 choose 6+3 or 5+4, for other numbers it doesn't matter.)

Use the passports to select the correct initials and surname.

Add your order to the cart and select to pay.

If you do not use the Dutch NS app, be sure to print the tickets after payment.

Please note:

- ❖ No ticket is linked to a specific train, you can use any train as long as you are on the way from Schiphol to Eindhoven. There is only one company on this route.
- ❖ Be sure to travel together and have the passports ready.
- ❖ If you travel on a weekday don't risk to arrive at Eindhoven Centraal railway station (just after 4:00 pm. Travelling time is 1:35 hours. Departures each hour at .03, .18, .33 and .48 minutes after the hour.  
The trains with departure time .03 and .33 (direction Nijmegen) require a change in Utrecht Centraal (2<sup>nd</sup> stop), cross platform.  
The trains departing .18 and .48 (direction Venlo) are directly heading for Eindhoven (4<sup>th</sup> stop).
- ❖ In case of a delay of the train, you are not charged extra if you arrive after 4:00 pm.
- ❖ Schiphol Airport (also known as “Amsterdam Airport”) is a very large airport. It will take you at least one hour or more from getting off the plane and into the train, including collecting your luggage.
- ❖ The railway station is just below the main hall. Usually, the train you need leaves from platform 3.

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